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- 1. ON JANUARY 17 DCM AND P&C OFFICER LUNCHED WITH CHAVDAR DAMYANOV, CHIEF OF MFA CULTURAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT, AND PRESENTED STRONG CASE FOR THRACIAN ART EXHIBIT TO BE DISPLAYED AT FIELD MUSEUM. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY CITED EFFECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT FIELD AND CHICAGO (E.G. DURING SOVIET ART & CRAFT EXHIBIT IN 1972) AND GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GOB, IN LINE WITH ITS PROFESSED DESIRE TO BECOME BETTER KNOWN IN US, FOR POSITIVE EXPOSURE TO MAJOR US AREA.
- 2. DAMYANOV AGREED WITH EMBASSY VIEWPOINT AND PROMISED TO CONTACT COMMITTEE ON ART AND CULTURE FOR RECONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT COMMITTEE WOULD MAINTAIN ITS POSITION -- THAT IS, CONFINE SHOWING TO NEW YORK. DAMYANOV THOUGHT EXHIBIT WAS COMMITTED TO TORONTO AFTER NEW YORK. HERZ

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